

[CHAPTER 668]

AN ACT

Authorizing The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, or its successors, to convey to the States of Arizona and California, jointly or separately, for public highway purposes, an existing railroad bridge across the Colorado River, formerly known as the Red Rock Bridge, near Topock, Arizona.

December 22, 1944
[H. R. 4910]
[Public Law 537]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, or its successors, is hereby authorized to convey to the States of Arizona and California, jointly or separately, the existing railroad bridge and approaches thereto, across the Colorado River, formerly known as the Red Rock Bridge, located near Topock, Arizona, which bridge has been or will be superseded by realignment of a portion of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and construction upstream from said existing bridge of a new railroad bridge.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

Conveyance of bridge.

SEC. 2. The States of Arizona and California, jointly or separately, are hereby authorized to accept title to, and thereafter to construct, reconstruct, maintain, and operate said bridge, as a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 33, ch. 11), and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Powers conferred on States of Arizona and California.

34 Stat. 84.

SEC. 3. There is hereby conferred upon the States of Arizona and California, jointly or separately, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, reconstruction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Right to acquire real estate, etc.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved December 22, 1944.

[CHAPTER 669]

AN ACT

Authorizing the conveyance by the Secretary of the Interior to The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, a railroad corporation, of certain perpetual easements near Afton, in Augusta and Nelson Counties, Virginia, being a portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway land of the Shenandoah National Park.

December 22, 1944
[H. R. 5453]
[Public Law 538]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant and convey to The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia, its successors or assigns, perpetual easements across and under two parcels of land located near Afton, in Augusta and Nelson Counties, Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company.
Conveyance of certain perpetual easements near Afton, Va.

Parcel Numbered 1, now owned in fee simple by the United States of America in Nelson County, Virginia:

Parcel 1.